

## MEETING MINUTES

### Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

300 Sower Blvd. Room 216

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In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. John Denton, Chairman; Mr. Jack Roberts, Vice-Chair; Mr. Ray Adams, Secretary; Mr. Scotty Parsons; Mr. Marc Hult; Mr. Danny Shipley; Mr. Billy Doolin; and Mr. Sam Hughes.

Others Present: Ms. Kim Richardson, DOC Director; Ms. Johnna McHugh, DOC Assistant Director; Ms. Karen Woodrich, NRCS; Dr. Steve Higgins, UK; Mr. Jacob Bowman, USDA FSA; Mr. Brent Burchett, KY Dept. of Ag.; Mr. Charles Snavley, Secretary of EEC; Mr. Bruce Scott, Deputy Secretary of EEC; Mr. John Horne, General Council of EEC; Ms. Ava Adams, KACD Auxiliary President; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, DOC.

Quorum was met.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 9:00 am by Mr. John Denton, Chairman.

**Closed Executive Session Called** – 9:01 am by Mr. John Denton, Chairman.

**Meeting Called Back to Order** – at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. John Denton, Chairman.

**SWCC Minutes from the September 19th, 2016 Meeting** - Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Kim Richardson asked that Mason County be added to the incentive per diem list on the July meeting minutes. Motion was made by Mr. Marc Hult to include Mason County to July's meeting minutes. Mr. Billy Doolin seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Equipment Report** - Ms. Johnna McHugh, DOC, presented the report with copies distributed.

- **Statement of Operations** –Ms. Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Mr. Billy Doolin made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Danny Shipley seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests.**
  1. The Webster County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a new Haybuster No-till Drill, Model 107. Cost of equipment would be \$29,650.00. A trade-in will lower the cost by \$10,000.00. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$19,650.00. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Raymond Adams. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request**. No approvals were requested.

**Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments** - Ms. Kim Richardson presented the requests.

- **Vacancy petitions.**
  1. Lyon County Conservation- Matt Herring to serve unexpired term of Tommy Dyer (2018)

Mr. Scotty Parsons moved to approve the petitions. Mr. Sam Hughes seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

- **Incentive Per Diem**

1. **Grant County**

- a. Bill Courts – 8 ten minute trainings, area 5 meeting
- b. Edna Cummins – 8 ten minute trainings, area 5 meeting
- c. Tim Epperson – 8 ten minute trainings, KACD Convention
- d. Ronnie Gabbert – 8 ten minute trainings, area 5 meeting
- e. Jerry Martin – 8 ten minute trainings, area 5 meeting
- f. Kenwood Soper – 8 ten minute trainings, KACD Convention

2. **Taylor County**

- a. Marion Howard – Spring Area Meeting, supervisor ten minute training
- b. John McLean - Spring Area Meeting, supervisor ten minute training

3. **Boone County**

- a. Debra Messer – 11 of 12 supervisor training, KACD Convention
- b. Monty Taylor - 11 of 12 supervisor training, KACD Convention

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Ray Adams and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**

**Agriculture District Program** - Ms. McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Five (5) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 814.98 acres.

1. Breckinridge County (Petition No. 014-09) – 615.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Raymond Adams. **Motion carried.**
2. Campbell County (Petition No.019-04 A11) – 114.81 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
3. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-07 A4) – 43.50 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**
4. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-15 A1) – 31.67 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
5. Oldham County (Petition No. 093-04 A5) – 10.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Raymond Adams and was seconded by Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

**Division of Conservation Report** – Ms. Kim Richardson gave the DOC Report. Ms. Kim Richardson stated that the State Cost Share (SCS) applications are now being entered and reviewed. Ms. Karen Woodrich's department is currently overwhelmed with applications and will need a one to two week extension to complete their review.

Ms. Kim Richardson discussed Powell County's request for \$10,000.00 in additional direct aid funding. The Board suggested that they go through the equipment loan program for their proposed lime spreader, as well as revisiting their budget and long range plan for a more realistic working plan. Mr. Marc Hult moved to approve an increase of \$2,000.00 in additional funds and that Powell County must include a budget showing the changes they will make. Mr. Scotty Parsons second motion. **Motion Carried.**

The Legislative Reception will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 and Joint meeting will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**Agency Reports**

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service-** Ms. Karen Woodrich stated that NRCS will be getting a new Chief after January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be a transition period until a new Secretary is appointed. Ms. Karen Woodrich said that 2017 will be known as the Year of the Process in NRCS, and they will be working on SOP's to improve effectiveness. NRCS is currently interviewing for a Watershed Engineer position. Mr. Kurt Mason is now the State Urban Conservationist. Although they've been making this change for some time, the final conversion to work units will be taking place soon.

The EQIP rankings will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016; January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017; and March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

CSP applications will be taken until February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and the CIG deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

There are 4 new RCPP projects in Kentucky, and there will be another announcement after the 1st of the year. Mr. Scotty Parsons asked about funds for dredging. Ms. Woodrich suggested that he should check into DOW or KY COE.

- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Ms. Kim Richardson gave the board an update on the current situation concerning the wildfires in Kentucky.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Mr. Brent Burchett stated that due to the drought conditions in Kentucky that many ponds are close to going dry. The need for extra hay for farmers could be a problem. The Department of Agriculture has a Hay Hotline and a Hay Sales Directory that can help with this.
- **Agriculture Education/FFA State Advisor**- No report presented.
- **Farm Service Agency** – Mr. Jacob Bowman said that they are expecting changes with the new administration change, but they do not currently know what changes may happen. The agency is currently hiring and that the budget situation is fine for right now. The CRP is currently hindered more by the acreage than by funds. They are currently restricted to 24 million acres and are at 23.88 million.
- **University of Kentucky** – Dr. Steve Higgins spoke about being contacted by the DOW concerning the municipal water supply in Montgomery County that's polluted. The DOC has funds to spend but the conservation district does not want to spend it. Dr. Steve Higgins will continue to work with the DOW on the issue.  
Dr. Steve Higgins discussed the addition of Montgomery County, Rowan County and Washington County as counties for pilot projects. Dr. Steve Higgins is requesting funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the next three years. Mr. Scotty Parsons made motion to approve and Mr. Ray Adams seconded motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Division of Forestry** – No report presented.
- **KACDE** – No report presented.

**Next Board Meeting** – 2017 Meeting Schedule: Third Monday at 9:00a.m.

February 9th 2017 – Joint meeting with KACD.

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – KACD Convention

September 18<sup>th</sup> 2017

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Adjourned** – Mr. Scotty Parsons made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried**
